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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SCHAEFER, et al.

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Serial No.: 10/009527

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For: Biological Joint Construct

VIA FAXCS MILE to 703 308 6459**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PETITION FILED UNDER
37 CFR §1.47(a)**

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Attention: PCT Legal Office

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the decision on petition under 37 CFR §1.47(a) in the above-captioned application. This response is timely, although the petition did not have a cover sheet with a mailing date, as the first page was date stamped May 22, 2002. Therefore, assuming the mailing date is May 22, 2002, applicants' response is due within the 2-month statutory deadline set forth in the petition, or July 22, 2002. According to our certificate of facsimile transmission attached hereto, this paper is being faxed to the PCT Legal Office on June 14, 2002, well before the statutory deadline.

Applicants respectfully request that the declaration filed 10 December 2001 entitled "Declaration of Facts by Attorney For Inventor That Cannot Be Located," which was treated by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a petition under 37 CFR §1.47(a) be withdrawn in light of the concurrently submitted Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the previously-missing inventor. The petition is now moot since Mr. Friedl has now joined in the application, and all the inventors have now executed the

declaration and power of attorney. The application should now be submitted to the examining group for examination.

It is believed a fee is not required for the filing of this paper; however, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number **50-0622**. If a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this application, the PTO representative is invited to call the undersigned at 703 683 3600

Respectfully submitted,

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.
I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original,
first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Biological Join Construct the
specification of which:

is attached hereto.
 was filed on December 10, 2001
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified
specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not
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months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this
application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as
defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d), of
any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified
below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of
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<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
<u>199,26,083,4</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>08-June-1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. Attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from undersigned's assignee, if any, and/or, if the undersigned is not a resident of the United States, the undersigned's domestic attorney, patent attorney or patent agent, as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the person(s) from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

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